

# Ike Quoted on 'Blunder' In Denial of U-2 Spying

NEW YORK, May 7 (AP) — States had jumped too soon in forcing to admit that the plane Look Magazine today said issuing its May 5 statement. had violated Soviet air space on an espionage flight.

former President Eisenhower "Eisenhower also said this in an interview filmed by CBS The Look articles continued. admitted that his administration blundered in originally for telecast on Nov. 23, 1961. "Eisenhower conceded privately that the Administration denying the U-2 spy flight of But this portion of the film was snipped out at the insistence of Lt. Col. John Eisenhower, the President's son, who was serving as his father's aide." had become overconfident in the U-2 operation. There was reason for this overconfidence. The U-2 program had operated without exposure for four years, providing the underpinning for some of the most important policies of the Eisenhower years.

Francis Gary Powers. The magazine added that the President's son prevailed upon him to keep his views private. "In retrospect, the President realized that the crisis had been badly handled," the magazine said. "He admitted privately that the United

These views were given in a copyrighted article in the current issue of Look by Washington newsmen David Wise and Thomas B. Ross. The article was condensed from "The U-2 Affair," to be published by Random House, Inc.

The May 5 statement was this country's first official pronouncement on Powers' missing U-2 aircraft. It said he was on a weather mission and had accidentally strayed off course over the Soviet Union. Later, the Government was

"It had convinced the President that the celebrated 'bomber gap' and 'missile gap' were 'fiction.' It had also persuaded him that Soviet advances in space were not as spectacular as they seemed and that the Russians, too, were experiencing their share of failures. But in the process, the U-2 may have acquired mystical importance to the Administration."